

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Listing Of Claims:

Claim 1. (Cancelled).

Claim 2. (Currently Amended): The method of Claim [1] 13 wherein chain terminator is at least one monofunctional alkylene alcohol having at least 14 carbon atoms.

Claim 3. (Cancelled).

Claim 4. (Currently Amended): The method of Claim [1] 13 wherein hydroxy functionality is 2.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended): The method of Claim [1] 13 wherein the organic diisocyanate is at least one member selected from the group consisting of 1,6-hexamethylene diisocyanate, isophorone diisocyanate, dicyclohexylmethane diisocyanate, diphenylmethane diisocyanate, and 1,5-naphthalene diisocyanate.

Claim 6. (Original): The method of Claim 5 wherein the diisocyanate is diphenylmethane-4,4'-diisocyanate.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended): The method of Claim [1] 13 wherein the chain extender is a diol conforming to the formula



where R'' denotes an alkylene radical.

Claim 8. (Original): The method of Claim 7 wherein chain extender is at least one member selected from the group consisting of ethanediol, 1,6-hexanediol, diethylene glycol, dipropylene glycol and butanediol.

Claims 9-10. (Cancelled).

Claim 11. (Currently Amended): The method of Claim [1] 13 wherein chain terminator is stearyl alcohol.

Claim 12. (Currently Amended): The method of Claim [1] 13 wherein amount of chain terminator is 0.01 to 0.8 percent relative to the weight of the TPU.

Claim 13. (Currently Amended): A method for making a bloom-free thermoplastic polyurethane comprising blending an amount of a chain terminator selected from the group consisting of monofunctional alkylene alcohol having at least 14 carbon atoms and mono-isocyanate, in a molten thermoplastic polyurethane, said polyurethane being the product of a reaction wherein reactants comprise

(i) at least one hydroxy functional polybutylene adipate having a number average molecular weight of [500] 2000 to 5000 and a hydroxyl functionality of at least 2,

(ii) a chain extending compound selected from the group consisting of diols and diamines having a molecular weight of 60 to 500 g/mol,

(iii) an organic diisocyanate,

wherein said (i), (ii) and (iii) are present in the reaction in such amounts that the ratio NCO/H [therebetween] is 0.95 to 1.05, said amount of chain terminator being sufficient to render said product bloom-free.

Claim 14. (New): The method of Claim 13 wherein the monofunctional alkylene alcohol has 14 to 22 carbon atoms.